

REMARKS

Claims 8-18 (not Claims 8-19) are active in the present application.

The present invention relates to a process for conducting esterification reactions of (meth)acrylic acid and transesterification reactions of (meth)acrylic acid ester under conditions which impede the polymerization of (meth)acrylate compounds.

Claim Amendments

Claim 13 has been amended to correct a spelling error of a term therein. Entry of the amendment to the claim is respectfully requested.

IDS

Applicant encloses a copy of the Form 1449 submitted with the IDS filed December 8, 2003. Upon the Examiner's apparent consideration of the IDS that was filed as indicated by the check marks made by each of the five documents that have been cited, the Examiner did not place his initials in front of each of the references thus indicating that he has considered each of the references. The Examiner is now requested to do so. A copy of the Form 1449 is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience in acknowledging consideration of the references that have been filed.

Application No. 10/657,157  
Rule 312 Amendment

It is now believed that the application is in proper condition for issue.

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